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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Norio Okada, et al.

Serial No.: 10/649,771

Group Art Unit: 2812

Filed: July 6, 2000

Examiner: Tsai, H. Jey

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE
SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Sir:

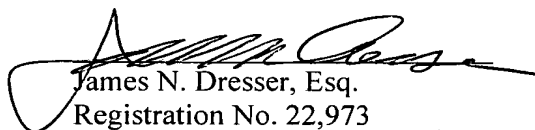
In response to the paper mailed December 22, 2004, advising that the Amendment filed October 18, 2004 was not signed, submitted herewith is a signed copy of that Amendment.

We note that the undersigned firm's file copies of the papers filed that day show that the Petition and Fee for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and the Replacement Drawing Sheets Including Drawing Corrections were signed.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2004, please amend the above-
identified application as follows: